

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on Page 21, line 5 of the specification, with the following amended paragraph.

When the capacity utilization, [i.e.,] the maximum capacity utilization and the minimum capacity utilization from the past to the present time, are the same values and the number of write I/O operations is 0 with reference to the capacity utilization, the maximum capacity utilization, the minimum capacity utilization and the number of write I/O operations of the capacity utilization management table 910 with respect to the monitoring object data (step 3014) (when there is not data update), the application kind field of the data management table 900 corresponding to the monitoring object data is set to "archive", and the lower limit securing ratio is set to 100 and the upper securing ratio is set to 105 (step 3016).

Please replace the paragraph on Page 22, line 10 of the specification, with the following amended paragraph.

Next, the management computer 300 obtains the lower limit securing ratio and the upper limit securing ratio corresponding to the monitoring object data from the data management table 900, and it multiplies the expected capacity utilization

calculated in the step 3020 by the lower limit securing ratio and the upper limit securing ratio, so that the management computer 300 obtains the lower limit securing capacity and the upper limit securing ratio capacity (step 3030).